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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Holds Public Workshop on the Proposed Environmental Restoration of Longwood Cove on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia

Mobile, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, will hold a public workshop to collect comments on the proposed environmental restoration at Longwood Cove on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia. The meeting will be in the media center at Gainesville High School on Monday, November 18, 2002, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Gainesville High School is located at 830 Century Place in Gainesville, Georgia.

Federal, state, and local agencies and any other individuals or organizations interested in the restoration of the cove are urged to participate. Representatives from the Corps and the City of Gainesville will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed restoration. Displays will provide information on how the proposed restoration plan will address current cove environmental problems.

Comment forms, provided at the public workshop, will be collected at the meeting or may be returned to the Corps of Engineers in Mobile, Alabama. All comments received will be considered in the preparation of the Environmental Restoration Report scheduled for completion in August 2003.

The Longwood Cove restoration project addresses environmental issues associated with urban development within the watershed. These issues include increased sedimentation, accelerated runoff rates, degraded aquatic habitat, decreased lake storage, and increased polluted runoff. The Corps proposes constructing a series of wetland cells within the cove to increase aquatic habitat and incorporating sediment detention facilities to slow stream velocities and reduce sediment and pollutant transport. Longwood Cove and the associated watershed are entirely within the City of Gainesville, Georgia, which is situated in Hall County northeast of Atlanta.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, is conducting the Longwood Cove restoration project under the authority provided by Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended.

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